GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF TOBACCO GROWERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is a signatory to the WHO's Convention on eliminating tobacco cultivation in phases;

(b) if so, whether the Government has initiated steps to rehabilitate the tobacco growers by helping them to switch on to alternate crops; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) Yes, Sir.India is a signatory to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government has asked the Tobacco Board to prepare a rehabilitation package, in consultation with all the stakeholders, Agricultural Universities and the State Governments,for the tobacco farmers who move their lands away, permanently, from tobacco cultivation.